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# PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181

Mail Stop Petition Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A Notice of Abandonment regarding the above-captioned application was sent out on May 25, 2004. However, Applicants complied with a sufficient reply and did not intend to abandon the subject application. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Commissioner to withdraw the holding of abandonment for the subject application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181.

The Examiner has alleged that an Appeal Brief was received but no Notice of Appeal was received in the subject Notice of Abandonment. However, Applicants respectfully submit evidence showing that both the Appeal Brief and the Notice of Appeal were timely received by USPTO:

(1) Exhibit 1 shows that the Notice of Appeal was received by USPTO on Dec 22, 2003, within three month from the Final Office Action dated Sep 23, 2003;

(2) Exhibit 2 shows that the Appeal Brief and a check for \$330.00 were received by USPTO on Fed 02, 2004;

(3) Exhibit 3 shows a copy of the filed Notice of Appeal;

(4) Exhibit 4 shows a copy of the filed Appeal Brief;

(5) Exhibit 5 shows a copy of the received Notice of Abandonment.

Applicants believe that no fees are required with this response. If any fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the same to the account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our matter number 3220-66107.

Applicant respectfully request the Commissioner to withdraw the holding of abandonment for the subject application as instructed under MPEP § 711.03(c) on page 700-154. If any additional information is required in support of this Petition, please contact me at (317) 231-7253.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Exhibits 1 to 5.

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals the final rejection of claims 9 and 20-25 in the captioned application. The Final Rejection was mailed September 23, 2003. Applicant authorizes the Assistant Commission to charge the amount of \$330.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b) our deposit account No. 10-0435 with reference to our matter number 3220-66107. Applicant also authorizes the Assistant Commission to credit any overpayment or to charge any additional fees that may be due for this notice to our deposit account No. 10-0435.

Respectfully submitted,

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